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UP FRONT

Elk Point Royal Purple Lodge 269 presented donations before surrendering charter.....Page 3

SANTA SIGHTINGS

It's a wonder he even got the sleigh loaded, because Santa was everywhere in town!.....Pages 4,5,7

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THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE - After the Town of Elk Point's Recreation Committee put their three top choices in this year's Christmas Lighting and Decorating Contest to a public vote, the community chose Elvis Sibal's glittering display as this year's winner. See the second and third place winners on Page 5.

Day of celebration at F. G. Miller High School

Scholarships, awards presented to outstanding students

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

"We're often asked, 'Why does F. G. Miller High School have so many scholarships for its students?'" career counselor Angele Morrison said at Friday's Scholarships and Awards Presentation ceremony in Elk Point.

"It's because we are so awesome, and local organizations, individuals and businesses have recognized that."

Nine members of FGM's Class of 2019 received a total of 17 awards and scholarships this year, with six of the awards presented at the end of the school year.

This year's top recipient was Class of 2019 valedictorian Kingslon Zhang, who accepted the Barrie Wayne McFadyen Memorial Scholarship and the Schulich Leader Nominee scholarship at the ceremony, to add to the Coldwell Banker Scholarship and the E. H. Bjornstad Scholarship from the Elk Point BPO Elks Lodge earlier in the year. Zhang is currently enrolled at the University of Calgary.

Chris McFadyen presented four scholarships on behalf of the McFadyen family. In addition to Zhang's award, Zane Cribbins accepted the Barrie Wayne McFadyen Trade Scholarship, Aiden Dion the Malcolm Robert McFadyen Memorial Scholarship and Kassandra Smith the Violet E. McFadyen Memorial Scholarship.

Cribbins received the County of St. Paul Trade Scholarship at an earlier ceremony, where Samantha Urquhart also received a County of St. Paul scholarship. At the FGM ceremony, she accepted the Lawrence Modin Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Elk Point and District Lions, and Smith accepted the Bespalko/Sribney Scholarship, sponsored by those families.

Two other grads also were dual recipients. Carson Vogel was presented with the Challenger Technical Services Scholarship, and earlier received the Inter Pipeline Discovery Awards, while Nicholas Anderson accepted the Jim Vinge Memorial Sports Award, sponsored by the Vinge family and friends, and earlier received the Steve Kuziw Memorial Award, sponsored by the Elk Point Elks Lodge.

Fawn Ockerman received a scholarship earlier in the year from Caouette and Sons of St. Paul.

Premier's Citizenship Award winner M. J. Bretzer was not on hand to accept his award at the ceremony.

FGM PRINCIPAL Colin Bjorkman presents the Schulich Leader Nominee scholarship to 2019 graduate Kingslon Zhang, who also won three other awards. More photos, Page 2.

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CARSON VOGEL accepts the Challenger Technical Services Scholarship from Darby Hoffman. He received the Inter Pipeline Discovery Award earlier in the year.

KASSANDRA SMITH received the Bespalko / Sribney Scholarship from FGM principal Colin Bjorkman. She also accepted the Violet E. McFadyen Memorial Scholarship at the awards ceremony.

ZANE CRIBBINS accepts the Barrie Wayne McFadyen Trade Scholarship from Chris McFadyen. He received the County of St. Paul Trades Scholarship at an earlier ceremony.

AIDEN DION was presented with the Malcolm Robert McFadyen Scholarship by Chris McFadyen.

NICHOLAS ANDERSON was presented with the Jim Vinge Memorial Sports Award by principal Colin Bjorkman. He and also received the Steve Kuziw Memorial Award earlier in the year from the Elk Point Elks Lodge.

SAMANTHA URQUHART was presented with the Lawrence Modin Memorial Scholarship by principal Colin Bjorkman. She and also received the County of St. Paul Scholarship earlier in the year.

Congratulations to these outstanding students from F. G. Miller's Class of 2019!

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  - Ability to exercise good judgement, be proactive, and respect confidential information.
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Application deadline is **January 15, 2020 at 4:30pm.** The County of St. Paul thanks all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Competition shall remain open until a suitable candidate is selected.

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Elk Point Royal Purple surrenders charter

STAFF WRITERS
Elk Point Review

Members of Elk Point Royal Purple Lodge No. 269 met for the last time on Tuesday, Dec. 10, and finalized their reluctant decision to surrender their charter, dissolving a group that was inaugurated on July 10, 1961, and has served the community ever since.

Seven of the 2019 eight members were present for the final meeting, including four who have earned the title of Past Honoured Royal Lady, two of them with more than 50 years of membership in the lodge.

The shrinking and aging membership of a group that started out with 35 charter members and by 1977 had grown to 53 strong, was one factor in the decision, and the realization that the group would not be eligible to operate another casino for four years was another.

Casinos have been the lodge's only source of funding since the Royal Purple gave up working bingos a few years ago, the membership being too small to form an adequate bingo crew and having difficulty recruiting assistance from outside the group.

Fundraising money has been used to support a variety of local groups over the years, and this year was no exception, when donations of every last dime in their accounts was dispersed prior to the surrender of the charter. Donations of $5,000 each went to Elk Point Further Education and Friends of Elk Point Library, to help keep those two programs in operation, while $3,700 went to the Elk Point Elementary School's breakfast program, $3,650 going to each of Haying in the 30s Cancer Support Society, Camp Whitney and 2nd Chance Trail Ride Society and the $1,012.92 balance of their casino account going to Santas Anonymous and the last few dollars in their general account to Elk Point Library, where the lodge has held their meetings the last few years.

Originally, as part of the Order of the Royal Purple, the lodge worked side by side with the BPO Elks in serving coffee at Elks bingos, and holding joint installation ceremonies and other activities. The OORP members also catered weddings, graduations and other large and small events in the Elks Hall for many years.

That affiliation ended in 2013, when the BPOE Grand Lodge made the decision to discontinue the relationship between Elks and Royal Purple, and those former lodges that did not wish to become Royal Purple Elks formed a new organization, Royal Purple of Canada, with the Elk Point members voting to be part of that move, receiving their new charter when it was formed in 2014.

ELK POINT ROYAL PURPLE LODGE held their last ever meeting earlier this month, confirming a final decision to surrender their charter. Seated are four Past Honored Royal Ladies who have led the lodge in past years (left to right) RubyAnn Kittzlitz, Lena Stepa, Lillian Ewasiuk and Verna Lazicki (missing is PHRL Stella Blazenko), back row, left to right are Honored Royal Lady Vicki Brooker, vice president Brenda Diesel and member Lavern Kittlitz.

Lionel Slywka photo

FRIENDS OF THE ELK POINT LIBRARY president Sherry Milholland, secretary Daphne Schnurer and treasurer Levina Ewasiuk were excited to receive an early Christmas gift from Royal Purple members RubyAnn Kittlitz, Verna Lazicki and Brenda Diesel, who presented them with a very welcome $5,000 donation.

2ND CHANCE TRAIL RIDE SOCIETY treasurer Lori Nelson accepted a $3,650 donation from Royal Purple executives RubyAnn Kittlitz, Brenda Diesel and Verna Lazicki.

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1. To receive the financial statements of the Association for the financial year end;
2. To elect Directors of the Association;
3. To appoint an Auditor of the Association;
4. To amend or accept amendments of By-laws
5. To transact such other business, if any, as may properly come before the meeting.

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Proposals received via facsimile machine will not be accepted. Evergreen reserves the right to accept the proposal which, in its sole discretion, best provides for the needs and/or the best value to the Regional Site.

Inquiries regarding this request shall be directed to:

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Editorial

On the edge of a new decade

Today is not only the last day of a year, but of a decade, and it's hard to believe that two decades of the Millennium have already swept by.

Can it really be 20 years since Elk Point said goodbye to the 1990s with the fifth annual First Night Festival a gala evening of fun and fireworks, even as many worried about possible computer failures, power failures and possibly even the end of the world?

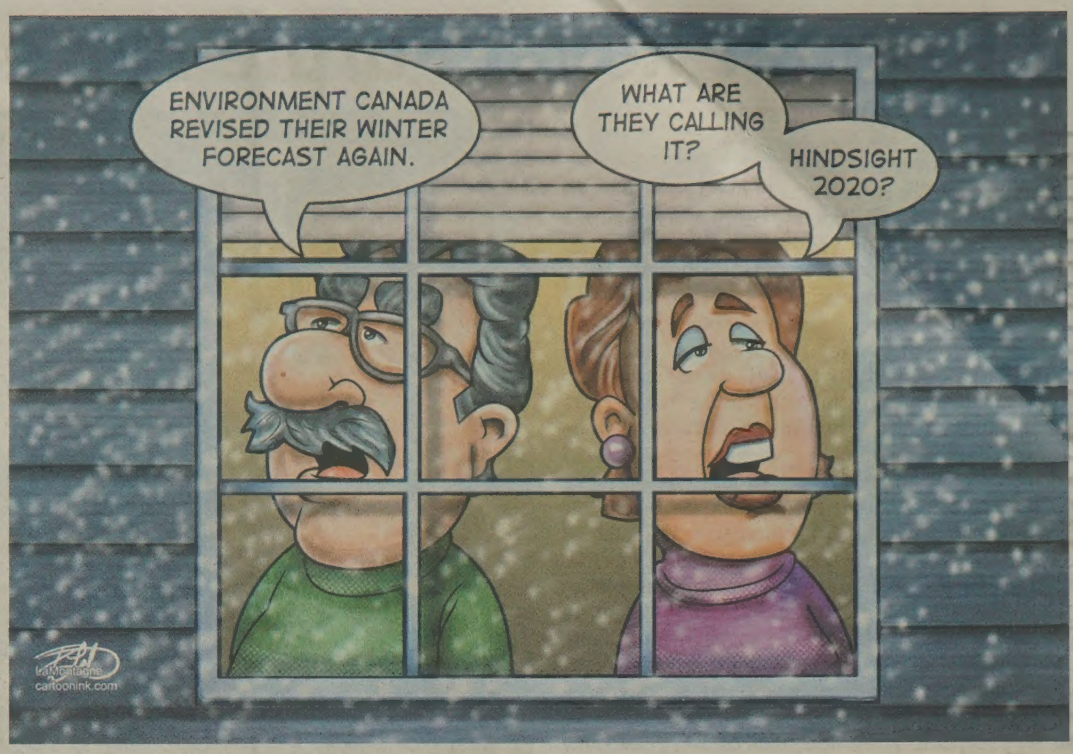
Twenty years later, we're still here, the lights and heat are still on, and while our computers are newer now, those other ones did not lose their memories with the arrival of the year 2000.

Life goes on, and maybe sometimes we worry too much about things that never happen. Why not resolve to think positive in 2020? Happy New Year!

Santa Sightings

MAN OF THE HOUR - Santa received a standing ovation when he arrived at the F. G. Miller Christmas Brunch, and was visited by a long lineup of students throughout his annual visit.

LAST CHANCE? These members of the F. G. Miller Class of 2020 wasn't taking any chances, they just had to sit on Santa's lap one more time and ask him for a little help on the way to next year's graduation... or maybe for a new truck?



Way Back When...

First Night Festival, Trans Canada Trail designation, Christian tree

In its earlier years, the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review often ended the year with the Christmas Issue. Here's the news that made the headlines of the Elk Point Review for the week of Dec. 31 in...

1999

Elk Point was all set to welcome the new century with a First Night Festival on Dec. 31 that would include family skating, horse-drawn sleigh rides, a snowman building contest, musical entertainment and fireworks. Local residents brightened up the Christmas season with their light displays, with a very ambitious Wayne Mudryk even hoisting a sleigh to his rooftop, with six pairs of authentic antlers showing clearly over the ridge, leading viewers to wonder if he'd had some help from Santa in creating his first-place display.

2004

The long-awaited designation of the Iron Horse Trail from Waskatenau to Heinsburg as part of the Trans Canada Trail became official when North East MuniCorr members gathered in -30 degree temperatures to install a Trans Canada Trail sign along the trail in St. Paul. County council approved a total of 14 recreational facility grants that helped the groups that operate the venues to cope with the high cost of insuring their facilities.

2009

Elk Point Baptist Church congregation and guests was taken on "a Christmas journey along old, old trails that lead to Bethlehem" at their Sunday School con- cert, with a huge "Christian Christmas tree" taking centre stage, its triangular shape representing the Holy Trinity, lights representing Jesus, the Light of the World, and the red ornaments representing the blood Jesus shed on the cross. F. G. Miller High School continued its 33-year tradition of hosting a Christmas brunch for students, staff and special guests.

2014

A LONG-STANDING RIVALRY between brother-and-sister neighbours on Ravine Drive resulted in a tie for first place between Willie Lesyk and family, whose home is shown at left, and Jeannette Bouchard and David Buksa with the home at right, their display including a lifelike Santa

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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SECOND PRIZE in the Christmas Lighting and Decorating Contest went to Dave and Gillian Cousins, who will be donating their winnings to Santas Anonymous, giving that group a head start for Christmas 2020. Photo submitted

THIRD PRIZE went to this eye-catching display created by David and Jeannette Buksa, topped with a bright Christmas star. Photo submitted

SANTA MADE THE SCENE at Ferguson Flats on Friday, Dec. 20 for the annual community Christmas party, which also featured a huge potluck supper, music provided by Gabrielle Bayduza and games, as the community gathered to celebrate the festive season. Margaret Bayduza photos

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ELK POINT BPO ELK LODGE No. 460 honoured six of its members for their long service with the lodge at their December meeting and Christmas party. Exalted Ruler Geoff Hoyle (third from left) presented service pins to (left to right) Lorn Berg and Michael Chubey, 35 years, Randy Ballas, 30 years, Allan Berg, 35 years, and Walter Jendruk and Don Brooker, both 40 years.

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Here it comes....

PLAYSCHOOL VISITS HERITAGE LODGE - Jack and Jill Playschool students and teacher Tammy Klatt visited Heritage Lodge residents before Christmas, bringing them each a Christmas ornament and performing their Christmas songs. This was their second visit of the Playschool year and the residents were thrilled to see the youngsters perform for them once again.

SERVUS SUPPORT FOR EXTRAVAGANZA - Servus Credit Union manager Jennifer Dallaire presented a very generous $500 donation to Elk Point Chamber of Commerce president Terri Hampson, secretary Vicki Brooker and vice president Nathan Parsons, as part of their support for the 2019 Christmas Extravaganza. Servus also served hot chocolate and cookies on Extravaganza evening and hosted a complimentary lunch for seniors the following Thursday during the chamber's Shop Local Week promotion.

Deena Smith photo

SKATING WITH SANTA - December is Santa's busiest time of the year, but he still found time to take to the ice with Elk Point Skating Club members and their families, above, as well as some of the minor hockey teams, leaving the elves in charge of the North Pole workshop as toy production wound up for the year. Santa is reportedly now on vacation... or taking a well deserved long winter's nap?

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